

MARKLE SHOWN UP BY MINERS

House Rent of Dead Men Held
Out by the Company.

EVICTED OF AN EMPLOYE

SICK PEOPLE PUT OUT IN THE RAIN ON SHORT NOTICE.

S CRANTON, Pa., Dec. 8.—Almost the entire time of the day's session of the coal strike commission was taken up by the mine workers presenting their side of the controversy with G. B. Markle in the Hazleton region. The miners placed witnesses on the stand who gave testimony to show that the company refused to employ them because of their union membership; that they evicted them from the union; that they were the same cause; that the docking system was intolerable; that the question of the men getting the 10 per cent increase was a question of life and death; that the 1930 strike is much in doubt, because the men do not know how the company is figuring it out; that the price of coal, which enters into the composition of the cost of living, has been raised, and that the size of the

Hold Out House Rent.

Two Hungarian women, one of them the mother of the boy who testified on Saturday, were placed on the stand and told how the Markle company deducted house rent from the last wages of their husbands, who were killed in the mines, and how the company attempted to get them to sign a paper which would absolve the Markles from damages, and which would be used by the women also to confirm the story, told by the breaker boy that the children had to work without pay until they were allowed by the dead father was paid off.

The Markle company was not represented by its own lawyers, before the commission, and the women were given notice that testimony affecting its collieries would be presented. The commission, however, refused to allow the bringing in evidence in rebuttal to the stories told by witnesses on Saturday and today.

System of Figuring.

The commissioners were very much surprised to find that the grant in 1907 was not a straight-out raise in wages, but, instead, a 2½ per cent increase, and a reduction in powder of 7½ per cent, which would mean that the men were being paid by the Markle company, through some way of figuring which they do not understand. The question came in for much discussion, and one of the courtroom men for the commission a satisfactory explanation.

There was a flurry at the afternoon session when Lawyer Ira A. Burton, of Scranton, for the independent companies, referred to the president of the United States as "Teddy" Roosevelt. The remark brought out an emphatic objection from the district judge.

The commissioners today made another request upon the companies to present figures as quickly as possible, and as a result the Erie company, late in the day, submitted statistics regarding wages, hours and other data relating to the subject. The data made

Mitchell Not Present.

President Mitchell of the miners' union was not present at the hearings of the strike commission today, having gone to New York to attend the

The first witness was James Gallagher, a Markle employee, who was on the stand Saturday. He said it used to be the custom of the Markle employees to contribute \$50 to the family of a man killed in the mines and

the men working with the man would lay off until the dead man was buried. The Markles made a compact with the workmen whereby they would pay the \$50 and the men remain at work. The witness said the size of the mine cars has steadily been in-

Frank Rea, a practical miner employed in the Marikle mines, was then examined on conditions under which the men are working. It was mostly of a technical character.

Evicted on Short Notice.
Paul Dunleavy, another Markle miner, testified to having been refused work and being evicted on short notice. His wife and parents were ill and it was raining, but notwithstanding

and it was raining, but, notwithstanding this, the company gave him fifteen minutes to get out. He said he earned about \$450 a year and out of his earnings he had to pay an assessment for the services of company doctors. Married men were assessed 75

Continuing, the witness said he had never seen the mine inspectors where he worked. He complained of excessive docking.

Henry Shovelin, another former Markle employe, told about being evicted

for being in arrears in rent during the strike. Since the 1900 strike, the men have, through committees, often submitted grievances to the company in accordance with the agreement which ended the strike, but only one complaint in the last two years was

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St. Petersburg, Dec. 8.—The czar, in a general order to the army and navy, dated from Lividia, Dec. 3, gave instructions for a general observance of the anniversary of the death of Alexander

"Should a period of trial be in store for the fatherland, I am convinced that my glorious army and heroic fleet, which are dear and near to my heart, will do their duty, as did their predecessors with honor for the throne and the fatherland."

SEVERAL GUILTY PARTIES.
Washington, Dec. 8.—Postoffice Inspector Stuart at Chicago has reported to Postmaster General Payne that all the obscene letters and postal cards which

have been sent through the mails at Chicago in large numbers were not written by the same person, and that every effort is being made to ferret out the guilty parties.